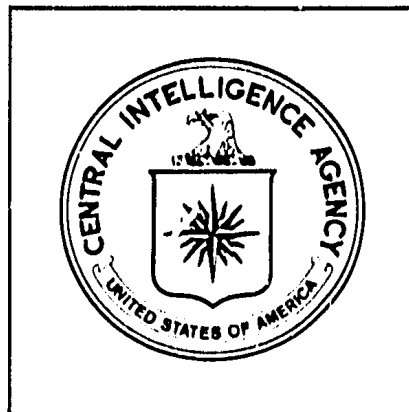


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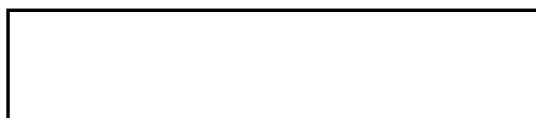


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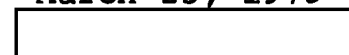


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Romania's recently renewed efforts to associate itself more closely with the nonaligned movement may further test Soviet tolerance.

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At the fourth nonaligned summit in Algiers in 1973, Romania sought observer status, but was turned down, apparently at the request of the Yugoslavs. At the time, the Yugoslav news agency delivered a public rebuff to Romania, quoting an Algerian source which said that "military bloc member countries at nonaligned assemblies cannot have the status of observers, nor of guests."

Undaunted, President Ceausescu has since played up the common interests of his country and the non-aligned world. He has talked with a wide variety of Third World leaders, and communiques summarizing these talks have stressed the rights and interests of developing nations. The party congress last year and the new party program both emphasized nonaligned themes, including the need to base international relations on full respect for the independence and equality of all states, and the need to eliminate the gap between the rich and the poor. The latter formulation is anathema to Moscow because it rejects the class struggle and divides the world into the "haves," such as the Soviet Union, and the "have nots," such as Romania.

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Bucharest's renewed overture for observer status in meetings of the nonaligned countries was probably in part prompted by its heightened concern over Soviet efforts to restore ideological conformity in Eastern Europe. The Romanians probably also believe that this time Belgrade will be more sympathetic to their approach because of the recent revelation of Soviet meddling in Yugoslav internal affairs and the common concern of the two countries over Soviet intentions in the Balkans.

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Appearances of Soviet Leaders: January-December 1974, A (CR) 75-9, March 1975, UNCLASSIFIED. This publication provides a record of the known public appearances of members of the CPSU Politburo and Secretariat, deputy chairmen of the USSR Council of Ministers, and leading officials of the Ministry of Defense. Copies may be obtained from [REDACTED]

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March 18

Brezhnev addresses the Hungarian party congress in Budapest, indicating that greater attention could be given to "military detente" once the European security conference is concluded.

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Yugoslav Premier Bijedic arrives in the US for a five-day official visit.

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West German Economics Minister Friderichs concludes a two-day, official visit to Poland.

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RSFSR Supreme Soviet's presidium announces it has decided to merge the republic's ministries of agriculture and state farms.

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USSR launches a SS-18 ICBM some 7,800 nautical miles from Tyuratam to the South Pacific; it is the longest range Soviet ICBM test to date.

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Swedish Prime Minister Palme concludes a three-day, official visit to Yugoslavia.

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March 19

An Egyptian official in Moscow tells the US that Soviet-Egyptian talks on aid and a rescheduling of Cairo's debts to the USSR continue to be acrimonious. [REDACTED]

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President Ford confers with visiting Yugoslav Premier Bijedic, who conveys a letter from President Tito. [REDACTED]

Brezhnev, Bulgarian party/state chief Zhivkov, and Czechoslovak party leader Husak leave Budapest for home. [REDACTED]

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French Prime Minister Chirac begins a six-day, official visit to the USSR. [REDACTED]

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D. M. Gvishiani, son-in-law of Premier Kosygin, tells a news conference that the interest of US business circles in trade with the USSR "has not weakened but increased" since the USSR renounced the trade agreement in January. [REDACTED]

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Soviet committee for Afro-Asian solidarity confers with representatives of Prince Sihanouk in Moscow, professing support for the Cambodian "patriots." [REDACTED]

Politburo member Kirilenko addresses the Italian Communist Party congress and awards the Order of Lenin to PCI chairman Longo. [REDACTED]

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Both *Pravda* and *Isvestia* carry sharp anti-US commentaries to mark the 25th anniversary of the arrival of US naval vessels in South Vietnamese waters. [REDACTED]

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Romanian Chief of Staff Coman concludes his official visit to the US, the first by a ranking military officer of a Warsaw Pact member-state. [REDACTED]

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Cambodian charge in Moscow for the Lon Nol government reiterates to the US that he will leave the USSR by April 1. [REDACTED]

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Pravda carries a commentary on Peking's grant of amnesty to Chinese Nationalist prisoners, viewing the event as yet another sign that Maoists are kind to traitors but harsh to true Communists who still languish in jail. [REDACTED]

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FRG informs the US that it intends to call in Soviet Ambassador Falin for a dressing-down because of his recent, undiplomatic efforts to apply pressure on the Schmidt government and Foreign Minister Genscher in particular. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Two Soviet destroyers enter the Gulf of Mexico and proceed on a northwest course well off the west coast of Florida. [REDACTED]

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Premier Kosygin and Foreign Minister Gromyko open morning talks at the Kremlin with their visiting French counterparts as Brezhnev is still en route to Moscow by train. [REDACTED]

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Yugoslav party secretary Grlickov, addressing the Italian Communist Party congress, emphasizes continuing concern over the incomplete acceptance of non-interference and equality in inter-party relations within the international Communist movement.

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[REDACTED]

Soviet official in Peking informs the US that no progress has been made in the Sino-Soviet border negotiations, although representatives still meet once or twice a week. [REDACTED]

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A Soviet prosecutor calls in prominent dissident historian Roy Medvedev and warns him to cease producing the new samizdat journal *20th Century*. [REDACTED]

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Yugoslav Foreign Minister Minic concludes his official visit to Cuba.

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Pravda announces that the 250th anniversary celebration of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, postponed from May of 1974, will be held in October.

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Soviet-US negotiations in Moscow on inclusion of peaceful nuclear explosion devices in threshold test ban treaty enter a "working recess" to last perhaps one month.

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Polish party chief Gierek and East German party chief Honecker return home from Budapest.

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UK grants a visa to Soviet Politburo member and labor chief Shelepin.

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Finnish President Kekkonen begins a five-day, "unofficial visit" to Yugoslavia.

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March 22

Bulgarian Foreign Minister Mladenov leaves Sofia for a Latin American tour to include official business in Argentina, Peru, and Cuba.

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The six-day Hungarian party congress concludes in Budapest; Kadar is re-elected head of the party, and four specialists are added to the Politburo.

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March 23 French Prime Minister Chirac concludes a brief tour of Siberia and returns to Moscow. [REDACTED] 25X1

Portuguese Labor Minister Costa Martins begins a one-week visit to the USSR; he is accompanied by several military officers. [REDACTED] 25X1

Laotian Economics Minister Soth Phetrasy begins four days of official business in the USSR and Poland. [REDACTED] 25X1

Retired US Rear Admiral Tate is reunited with his daughter, Soviet actress Victoria Fyodorova. [REDACTED] 25X1

Guyana Prime Minister Burnham begins an official visit to Romania. [REDACTED] 25X1

March 24 Soviet-Yugoslav economic cooperation talks open in Moscow. [REDACTED] 25X1

Gambian President Jawara concludes a state visit to the USSR. [REDACTED] 25X1

French Prime Minister Chirac leaves the USSR after meeting for three hours with Brezhnev and signing bilateral agreements for cooperation in agriculture and protection of the environment. [REDACTED] 25X1

Congo President Ngouabi commences a six-day, state visit to the USSR. [REDACTED]

Finnish President Kekkonen concludes a five-day, "unofficial visit" to Yugoslavia. [REDACTED] 25X1

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Romanian President Ceausescu to begin a state visit to Japan followed by similar visits to the Philippines, Kuwait, Jordan, and Tunisia. [REDACTED]

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April 7 National Academy of Sciences delegation to begin three days of talks in Moscow with officials of the Soviet Academy of Sciences. [REDACTED]

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April 9 International Danube Commission to convene for a review of the possibility of closer ties to the Soviet-dominated CEMA grouping. [REDACTED]

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Yugoslav party to convene a three-day conclave open to all parties of the left in Europe to discuss "Europe and the Third World." [REDACTED]

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April 10 CEMA Executive Council to convene in Moscow; one item on the agenda will be the issue of further contacts with the EC. [REDACTED]

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early April Yugoslav Premier Bijedic to go to the USSR for an official visit; later in the month, he will visit China. [REDACTED]

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April Canada's New Democratic Party leader Lewis to lead a delegation to the USSR for an official visit. [REDACTED]

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FRG Foreign Minister Genscher begins a two-day, official visit to Czechoslovakia. [REDACTED]

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FRG and GDR commence negotiations on measures to improve autobahn and rail access to West Berlin from West Germany. [REDACTED]

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Politburo members Kulakov and Polyansky head list of attendees as Soviets open a nationwide conference in Moscow to mark the 10th anniversary of Brezhnev's sweeping agrarian reform proposals. [REDACTED]

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FUTURE EVENTS

March 26

R. Sargent Shriver to begin a two-week "lecture tour" of the USSR as a guest of the USSR Supreme Soviet. [REDACTED]

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Costa Rican Foreign Minister Facio to begin a six-day, official visit to Romania. [REDACTED]

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April 1

Czechoslovak Foreign Minister Chnoupek to begin an official visit to France. [REDACTED]

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April 2

Politburo member Shelepin likely to begin a four-day visit to the UK at the head of a Soviet labor delegation. [REDACTED]

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April 4

US-Soviet commercial commission to convene in Moscow with Treasury Secretary Simon and Commerce Secretary Dent on hand. [REDACTED]

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A South Korean sports official to visit the USSR to attend the international boxing tournament at Tallinn.

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D. M. Gvishiani, Premier Kosygin's son-in-law and deputy chairman of the Soviet state committee for science and technology, to make an official visit to the US.

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